

21. *EUPHLYCTIS HEXADACTYLUS* (LESSON) FEEDING ON *XENOCHROPHIS PISCATOR* (SCHNEIDER)

Unlike other adult amphibians, the Indian green frog *Euphlyctis hexadactylus* (Lesson) is the only known folivore (Das 1995). The principal diet includes aquatic macrophytes, Mollusca, Arthropoda, and among Chordata, fish and amphibians (Das 1995, 1996). There are reports of other frogs (*Polypedates maculatus*) feeding on a juvenile *Hemidactylus frenatus* (Das 1996).

On November 12, 1997, while conducting an amphibian survey along the Kodungarai River in Anaikatty on the border of Tamil Nadu and Kerala states, I observed an adult *Euphlyctis hexadactylus* feeding on a checkered keelback

snake *Xenochrophis piscator* (approx. 0.3 m in size). It took the frog about 3 minutes to swallow the prey.

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22. FIRST RECORD OF *HOPLOBATRACHUS CRASSUS* (JERDON 1853) FROM NORTH EASTERN REGION IN ASSAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH

(With one text-figure)

Hoplobatrachus crassus was originally known as *Rana crassa* (Jerdon). Dutta (AMPHIBIANS OF INDIA AND SRI LANKA — CHECKLIST AND BIBLIOGRAPHY, 1997) gave the distribution as Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamilnadu (Madurai dist., Madras: Mamallapuram), Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal (Midnapur dist.), Orissa (throughout coastal districts).

We record its occurrence in the North Eastern Region of India. Two male specimens were collected from swampy areas in Chessa (27° 10' N lat, 93° 40' E long.), Papumpare dist., Arunachal Pradesh, situated at 500 m above msl. Two male and four female specimens were collected from Gahpur (26° 31' N lat, 92° 21' E long.), Sonitpur dist., Assam, at 200 m above msl.

The specimens have been deposited at Cotton College Museum (CCM). Specimen nos. CCM 628-1 male, CCM 628-2 male, CCM 628-3 female, CCM 628-4 female, CCM 628-5 male, CCM 628-6 female, CCM 628-7 female. One specimen is deposited at BNHS Museum, identification confirmed by BNHS, Mumbai by letter of ref. no. 100/98.

Description: Dorsal surface of male dark with black spots. Ventral surface creamy white with black patches on the throat region. Dorsal surface of female brown with chocolate brown spots. Ventral surface creamy white with dark patches on the throat region.

Measurements (in cm) - Snout-vent length 4-8.1, Head length 1.4-2.6, width 1.3-2.6; Length of snout 0.7-1.4, Maximum length of eye 0.4-0.9, Interorbital space 0.25-0.6, Length